



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q65704

OGAWA, Masashi, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/917,897

Group Art Unit: 1631

Confirmation No.: 2025

Examiner: Marjorie A. MORAN

Filed: July 31, 2001

For: METHOD OF MEASUREMENT OF PROTEASE AND THIN MEMBRANES USED
FOR SAID METHOD

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of two months, extending the time for responding to the Office Action of June 20, 2003, to November 20, 2003.

A check for the statutory fee of \$420.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

11/21/2003 MGBREM1 00000027 09917897

02 FC:1252

420.00 0P

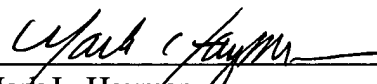
SUGHRUE MION, PLLC
Telephone: (202) 293-7060
Facsimile: (202) 293-7860

WASHINGTON OFFICE

23373

CUSTOMER NUMBER

Respectfully submitted,


Mark L. Hayman
Registration No. 51,793

Date: November 20, 2003